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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal  
For: IMAGE-PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE-TAKING  
APPARATUS, AND IMAGE-PROCESSING PROGRAM  
By: Noriyuki OKISU, Rieko IZUME, Motohiro NAKANISHI  
and Takehisa YAMAGUCHI  
Attorney Docket: 15162/06210

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with IMAGE-PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE-TAKING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE-PROCESSING PROGRAM, by Noriyuki OKISU, Rieko IZUME, Motohiro NAKANISHI and Takehisa YAMAGUCHI, inventors.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (35 pages, including 21 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings (26 sheets) (Figs. 1-35); and

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- (4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (9 pages).

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

- (5) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- (6) PTO-1449 Form (1 page);
- (7) Copies of one (1) reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement;
- (8) Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document (2 pages) transmitting a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-188030 (55 pages);
- (9) Assignment (3 pages) of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate); and
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